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EXAMINING GROUP 3731  
PATENT  
Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 06530.0276

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:	)	
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Marc O. SCHURR et al.	)	Group Art Unit: 3731
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Application No.: 09/957,451	)	Examiner: D. Erez
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Filed: September 21, 2001	)	
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For: METHODS AND DEVICES FOR	)	Confirmation No.: 2507
FOLDING AND SECURING	)	
TISSUE	)	

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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL**

In reply to the final Office Action mailed on April 18, 2006, the statutory three-month period for response extending through July 18, 2006, Applicants propose to amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments** to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** follow the claim amendment section of this paper.